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The Emory Eagle Eye is a weekly look-ahead report to help Emory leaders anticipate the top news, events and public policy activities that will impact the Emory community. If you have an item or a report to include in a future edition, please send to Laura Diamond at laura.diamond@emory.edu or Rachel Jones at rachel.e.jones@emory.edu.

Priority Communications Initiatives

- As part of the ongoing communications strategy concerning the coronavirus outbreak, Communications and Public Affairs placed and will be promoting today an op-ed on CNN.com by Nadine Kaslow, professor and vice chair of psychiatry and behavioral services at Emory School of Medicine, on the dangers of fearful reactions to the outbreak and the need to rely on facts.

- AJC reporter Helena Oliviero interviewed George Painter, president and CEO of the Emory Institute for Drug Development (EIDD), regarding the anti-viral compound EIDD-2801, its development and possibility for use against coronavirus. The story is expected to run on Sunday, Feb. 9. WABE’s Sam Whitehead also interviewed Painter with a story expected early to mid-next week.

- On Monday, Feb. 10, C-SPAN’s American History TV series will film the latest speaker in Emory’s James Weldon Johnson Institute colloquium series. Brenna Greer of Wellesley College will speak on the civil rights work of black capitalists in the Jones Room of Woodruff Library.

- Emory’s 2020 Commencement speaker will be announced next week in the Emory News Center as well as the Emory Wheel. The News Center will also feature the brand unveiling for St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, as well as stories of how concern about coronavirus is impacting the university community. Also, Emory Report will debut two new monthly columns highlighting faculty and staff achievements: Acclaim, a sampling of recent awards and honors, and Research Roundup, a sampling of recent grants and publications.

Government and Community Affairs Updates

- On Wednesday, Feb. 12, a group of 100 DeKalb County School System work-based learning coordinators will visit the Emory campus for their annual meeting. This group of coordinators provides opportunities for high school juniors and seniors to help them start preparing for a career while in high school. The group will hear from representatives from our Admissions Office and Human Resources to learn about our summer internship program, how we hire interns, what skills are needed when applying for a job/internship at Emory, as well as an overview of Emory University and our schools.

- On Wednesday, Feb. 12 and Thursday, Feb. 13, Emory Healthcare Veterans Program is set to host the Veterans Affairs (VA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families conference. The governor’s office has confirmed that Governor Kemp is going to sign the VA/SAMHSA Governor’s Challenge. However, they did not confirm when or if it will be on site during the conference.

- Members from the National Ebola Training and Education Center will be on Capitol Hill on Thursday, Feb. 13 to discuss the current impact of the coronavirus, Emory’s Serious Communicable Disease Unit and their federal appropriations for FY21. Members from Emory include Dr. Bruce Ribner, Sharon Vanairsdale and Sonia Bell. Last year, NETEC was successful in gaining $11 million in federal funding and they hope to receive funding in FY21 as well.
Events

- International Student and Scholar Services, in collaboration with Student Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services, will offer an information session on coronavirus for international students on Monday, Feb. 10. Students can learn the facts about coronavirus, relevant university resources and discuss how to handle anxiety, fear or emotional stress.

- The annual Feast of Words, a celebration of Emory faculty authors (or editors) of books published in 2019, will take place Monday, Feb. 10 at Ackerman Hall in the Michael C Carlos Museum.

- On Wednesday, Feb. 12, St. Francis Hospital in Columbus will hold a community and brand unveiling event to celebrate the new joint venture with Emory Healthcare and LifePoint Health. In January, St. Francis became a part of the new joint venture between Emory Healthcare and LifePoint Health. Leaders from Emory Healthcare will be in attendance at the event.